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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SHIMOKAWA, et al.

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For: DATA STRUCTURE IN DATABASE, DATABASE SYSTEM AND
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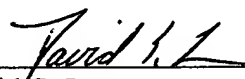
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant(s) hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed September 13, 1999. A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Account No. 01-2135 (500.36133X00).

Respectfully submitted,



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